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Applicant(s) : Kawakami, et.al.

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AND THERAPEUTIC METHODS

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 22, 1999, applicants present the following remarks.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the claim amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 29-31 are pending in the instant application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the claim amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 29-31 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for using the phrase "consisting essentially of". The Examiner asserts that this phrase is vague and indefinite. Applicants respectfully disagree with this rejection.